GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF MEAT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the export of sub-standard meat by certain exporting firms situated at Mumbai through APEDA or illegally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check the quality of meat to be exported from India and also to stop illegal export of meat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) & b): It is reported that the Ministry of Health, Government of Bahrain has rejected cartons of mutton cubes supplied by M/s Fair Exports (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai in December, 1998 to M/s Ali Rashid Al-Aminest., Bahrain. The dispute has been settled amicably in January, 2001 by remitting the claim to the importer.

c): Steps taken to check the quality of meat to be exported from India and to stop illegal export of meat include :-

i. Laying down standards under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act,1963 for export of Raw Meat (Chilled and Frozen) which include standards for abattoirs, processing plants as well as for meat products;

ii. Prohibiting export of meat unless each consignment of meat is accompanied by a certificate issued by the recognized inspection agency to the effect that the meat conforms to the notified standard specifications and is export worthy;

iii. Registering every year the abattoirs and meat processing plants after inspection to ensure conformity of the laid down standards by the Plant Registration Committee of APEDA;

iv. Providing financial assistance to the exporter for upgradation and modernization of meat processing facilities, setting up in house quality control laboratories, implementation of international quality systems such as HACCP, ISO - 9000 etc;

v. Allowing export of canned meat products subject to pre-shipment inspection either by the State Directorate of Animal Husbandry or Export Inspection Agency or Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Government of India in accordance with either the standards prevalent in the exporting country or standards prescribed under the Meat Food Products Order, 1973 of Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 or orders made thereunder;

vi. Allowing export of offals of buffalo subject to the same conditions as specified for the export of meat of buffalo in the Gazette notification on Raw Meat (Chilled and Frozen) under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963;

vii. Providing for investigation by the Regional Standing Committees on Quality Complaints (RSCQC) in respect of specific cases of quality complaints under the Exim policy to resolve the issue amicably and in case of findings in favour of foreign buyer taking action against the exporter as per Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.